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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 03326

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PLANNING PREPARED FOR CONVENING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

REF: VIENTIANE 3231

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PHOUI SANANIKONE INFORMED ASSEMBLY
STANDING COMMITTEE APRIL 24 THAT PRIME MINISTER TOLD HIM HE WAS
WILLING TO REQUEST KING TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY'S OPENING SESSION MAY
11. PRIME MINISTER REPORTEDLY ALSO ADVISED PHOUI THAT THE
ASSEMBLY OUGHT TO CONTINUE ITS NORMAL FUNCTIONS--NOTABLY CON-
SIDERING LAWS, FOREIGN LOANS AND THE NATIONAL BUDGET. SOUVANNA
ADDED THAT HERPLULD LATER MAKE POLITICAL REPORT TO ASSEMBLY AND
TAKE QUESTIONS FROM DEPUTIES.

2. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH PHOUI IN WHICH LATTER
DECLARED THAT ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THE TEN DEPUTIES
NAMED TO JNPC SHOULD RETAIN SEATS IN ASSEMBLY. PHOUI EXPRESSED
"PERSONAL VIEW" THAT TWO POSITIONS WERE NOT INCOMPATIBLE AND THAT
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PRECEDENTS EXISTED WHEN DEPUTIES CONCURRENTLY HELD OTHER JOBS

SUCH AS CHAO KHOUENGs OR AMBASSADORS.

3. THESE PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND OTHER INDICATIONS SUGGEST THAT
ASSEMBLY WILL OPEN AS CONSTITUTIONALLY SCHEDULED MAY 11,
PROBABLY WITH KING ATTENDING, AND THAT SESSION WILL CARRY OUT
MANY OF ITS ORDINARY FUNCTIONS IN AN UNEASY AMBIGUOUS RELATION-
SHIP WITH JNPC.

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